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To Whom It May Concern:

Attn: To onaiselle Douglas H. Wilkin

It is with great confidence that I write this letter in regards to my nephew, Leonard Degnan. It has been my honor to watch him grow from a little boy into a fine gentleman. Being blessed to be part of a close-knit family, I have witnessed firsthand his resilience, work ethic, compassion for others, and love of family.

Lenny is resilient. When he suffered the devastating loss of his best friend, role model, and father, Lenny was just a young boy. He immediately took on the role as the man of the house. Despite many challenges, he took great care of his mother and siblings. He honors his father's legacy by continuing to care for his ailing mother to this day.

Lenny's work ethic is among his greatest strengths. As a young teenager, he demonstrated his determination to provide for himself and earn his way. He earned his own money and gained greater independence with each paycheck. He continued this journey by building a successful insurance business where he is exceptionally knowledgeable and gained my business, as well as countless others.

Lenny's compassion for others is unmatched. In the summer of 2008, my daughter suffered a massive stroke and was left with many physical and intellectual challenges. With these limitations, she has many equipment and therapy needs. Whenever our family is seeking to improve the quality of her life, Lenny is the first person to make a donation. Additionally, as I battle another round of cancer and participate in walks to raise funds and awareness, he is always the first person to sponsor me. He is generous without expecting any recognition in return.

Lenny's most admirable quality is his commitment to creating a loving family. He has set high standards for each of his three children and has supported them each step along the way as they achieve their goals. He has consistently modeled for them what a loving relationship looks like. He adores his wife and their friendship and love for each other is evident at all of our family gatherings.

Lenny has done great things with his life and has accomplished so much. His strength of character, work ethic, compassion, and love of family should be considered as you make decisions moving forward. As his aunt and biggest fan, I respectfully ask that you consider my experiences and observations watching him grow. With my great faith, I pray that you see the man he has become through the eyes of a person who knows him best.

Sincerely,

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